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February 13, 2001

Mr. John J. O'Grady
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by FedEx

Re: Fansteel Inc – North Chicago – EE/CA Administrative Order
Docket No. V-W-00-6-413
Monthly Written Report for January 2001

Dear Mr. O'Grady:

In accordance with paragraph V.3.3 of the subject Administrative Order, this is our monthly progress report concerning activities undertaken pursuant to this Order during January 2001.

Significant developments that occurred during the month of January 2001 include the following:

- **January 23, 2001** – Fansteel Inc. received proposals from consultants to conduct EE/CA
- **January 26, 2001** – Final Site Investigation Report was completed and submitted to EPA.

No analytical data was received during the month of January 2001 and no problems of importance were encountered. No sampling is currently scheduled for the month of February 2001.

Based on our review of consultant proposals to conduct the EE/CA, Fansteel Inc. selected Earth Sciences Consulting Inc. (ESCI) to conduct the EE/CA. Accordingly, EPA was notified by letter dated February 9, 2001 regarding Fansteel's retention of ESCI to start this work in February.

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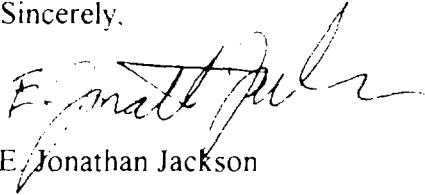
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Please call me if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss this further

Sincerely,

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E. Jonathan Jackson

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